

The Fires Plan

Bde/Regt

Receives Mission in Div OPORD Briefing

- Attendees:
- Bde Cdr
 - FSCoord
 - Bde S-3
 - Bde FSO
 - Bde S-2

Conducts Bde Mission Analysis

- Considers:
- IPB/TVA
 - SITEMP
 - HVTs
 - ECOAs
 - ICP
 - CSS
 - Assets Available
 - Draft CFST
 - Force Ratios/Battle Calculus

Issues WARNORD

Cdr Determines Intent and Guidance

- Includes:
- Focus of Effort
 - Desired Effects on Enemy (Define Success)

Develops COAs/HPTL

- Process:
- S-2 Continues IPB
 - Consider Most Dangerous/Probable ECOAs

Wargames COAs

- Process:
- Compares Friendly COAs Against ECOAs
 - Refines HPTs

Bde FSE

Conducts FS Mission Analysis/ Recommends CFST

- Considers:
- Bde Mission Analysis
 - FS Assets Available/Status
 - FS Capabilities (Given METT-T, weather, etc.)
 - Div Scheme of Fires

FSCoord Helps Cdr Develop Concept of Fires

- Includes:
- Employment of FS Assets
 - Constraints
 - Special Missions
 - FSCM
 - Force Protection Priorities

Cdr Approves/Revises CFST

Develops FS Plan

- Considers:
- Cdr's Intent/Guidance
 - FSCoord Guidance/Concept of Fires
 - Deep Fires and CAS/SEAD
 - Non-Lethal Fires
 - Munitions and Commo Requirements
 - Positioning Factors
 - POF and Trigger Points
 - COLT/Scout/FO Employment
 - Employment of Other TA Assets
 - TSM (Develops Draft)
 - CFST

Refines FS Plan Products

- Includes:
- HPTL
 - FSEM
 - TSS
 - AGM
 - TSM

DS Bn

Receives Mission

- Via:
- Bde WARNORD
 - Div Arty FASP
 - Div Order

Conducts FA Mission Analysis and Issues WARNORD to Btrys

- Analysis Products:
- Draft Restated Bn Mission
 - Draft Critical FA Tasks

Bn Cdr Issues Guidance

- Includes:
- Concept of Fires
 - Desired Effects on Enemy
 - FA Bn Focus of Effort
 - Revision/Approval of Bn Mission and CFAT

Develops/ Wargames FA COAs

- Considers:
- CFAT
 - PAs
 - Movement
 - CSS
 - C³
 - Arty IPB
 - Ammo Available

This flowchart looks at fires planning in the deliberate decision-making process. If you understand this formal process and your contribution to it, then when time is short and a significant threat imminent, you'll be able to abbreviate the process to accomplish the mission.

Decide

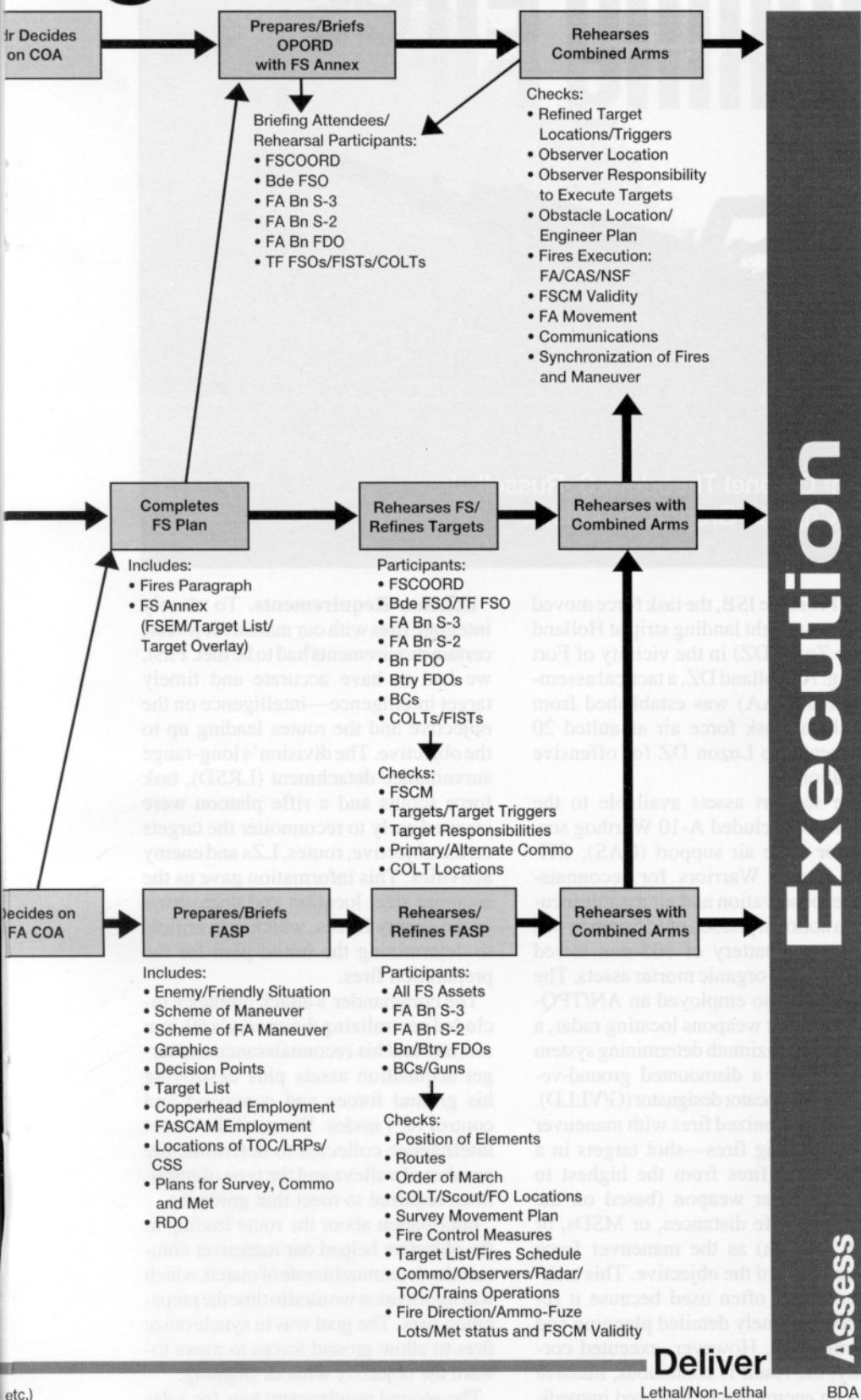
TVA, HVTs, SITEMP, EVENTEMP, PIRs, TAls, HPTL, AGM, TSS, ICP

Detect

Collection Plan (R&S Plan, Observer Plan, RDO, UAV Plan

Planning Process

This chart is a checklist/organizer for the major steps in the fires planning process; it is not intended to be comprehensive. Units need to incorporate considerations/steps unique to their missions and organizations.



Legend:

- AGM = Attack Guidance Matrix
- Ammo = Ammunition
- BC = Battery Commander
- BDA = Battle Damage Assessment
- Bde = Brigade
- Bn = Battalion
- Btry = Battery
- CAS = Close Air Support
- C³ = Command, Control and Communications
- Cdr = Commander
- CFAT = Critical Field Artillery Tasks
- CFST = Critical Fire Support Tasks
- COAs = Courses of Action
- Commo = Communications
- COLT = Combat Observation Lasing Team
- CSS = Combat Service Support
- Div = Division
- Div Arty = Division Artillery
- EOAs = Enemy Courses of Action
- EVENTEMP = Event Template
- FA = Field Artillery
- FASCAM = Family of Scatterable Mines
- FASP = Field Artillery Support Plan
- FDO = Fire Direction Officer
- FISTs = Fire Support Teams
- FO = Forward Observer
- FS = Fire Support
- FSCoord = Fire Support Coordinator (also FA Battalion Commander)
- FSCMs = Fire Support Coordination Measures
- FSEM = Fire Support Execution Matrix
- FSO = Fire Support Officer
- HPTL = High-Payoff Target List
- HVTs = High-Value Targets
- ICP = Intelligence Collection Plan
- IPB = Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield
- LRPs = Logistics Resupply Points
- Met = Meteorology
- METT-T = Mission, Enemy, Terrain, Troops and Time Available
- NSF = Naval Surface Fires
- OPOD = Operations Order
- PA = Position Area
- PIRs = Priority Intelligence Requirements
- POF = Priority of Fires
- R&S = Reconnaissance and Surveillance
- RDO = Radar Deployment Order
- SEAD = Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses
- SITEMP = Situation Template
- TA = Target Acquisition
- TAIs = Target Areas of Interest
- TF = Task Force
- TOC = Tactical Operations Center
- TSM = Target Synchronization Matrix
- TSS = Target Selection Standards
- TVAs = Target Value Analysis
- UAV = Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
- WARNORD = Warning Order

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